

Transportation

The Metro System -- Metrorail hours of operation are 5:30 a.m. until midnight (open until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights through June 30, 2001).

Tourmobile Service--The National Park Service has concessionaire-operated guided tourmobiles that travel from Capitol Hill to Arlington Cemetery and points in between with unlimited reboarding privileges the day of ticket purchase; call for rates. Tourmobile operates daily 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. www.tourmobile.com. Phone: (888) 868-7707, (202) 554-7950. Metro Stop: You can pick up this service outside of Union Station

Popular Sites

Arlington National Cemetery--Open daily October through March from 8am to 5pm, and April through September from 8am to 7pm. The changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs every hour on the hour and every half hour during the summer months. Narrated bus tour: Adults-\$2.50; Children-\$1.25. Phone: (703) 607-8052. Metro Stop: Arlington Cemetery (Tourmobile Sightseeing Transportation available in Cemetery)

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception--400 Michigan Avenue, NE. Visit the largest Catholic Church in the Western Hemisphere and the eighth largest in the world on Catholic University's grounds. It can accommodate over seven thousand worshipers. There is a hallway or chapel for every faith and belief. Admission is free. Phone: (202) 526-8300. Metro Stop: Brookland/CUA stop

Botanic Gardens--Maryland Avenue, SW. The United States Botanic Garden is a living plant museum. It is open daily, free of charge, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The group tour reservation line is 202-226-4082. You can receive general information by calling: (202) 225-8333. Metro Stop: Federal Center

Bureau of Engraving and Printing--14th and C Streets, SW. You'll see millions of dollars being printed during a tour of the BEP. The tour features the various steps of currency production, beginning with large, blank sheets of paper, and ending with wallet-ready bills! The ticket booth will open at 8:00 a.m. and timed tickets will be distributed until they run out. Please call the Tour Office @ (202) 874-2330 or toll free 1 (866) 874-2330 for updates and further information. Metro Stop: Smithsonian

Corcoran Gallery of Art--17th and New York Avenue, NW. Open daily, 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Closed every Tuesday and Holidays. Extended hours on Thursdays are until 9:00 pm. Admission to the Corcoran is: \$5 for individuals; \$3 for senior citizens and students; \$1 for students ages 13-18; and \$8 for family groups of one or two parents and children under 18. Members and Children under 12 are free. Phone: (202) 639-1700. Metro Stop: Farragut West

Dumbarton Oaks--1703 32nd Street, N.W. Gardens open daily, entrance at 31st and R Street, 2:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. The Art museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Both are closed on federal holidays. Admission fee to gardens: \$4 for Adults, \$3 for Senior Citizens and children. Wednesday, Senior Citizens admission is free. Phone: (202) 339-6401. There is no Metro Stop; there is off-street parking on S and R Streets

Federal Bureau of Investigation--Due to renovation, the FBI tour route is temporarily closed.

Folger Shakespeare Library--201 East Capitol Street, Largest exhibit of original works, original Elizabethan theatre, and performances. Open Monday through Saturday, 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Closed holidays. Phone: (202) 544-4600. Metro Stop: Capitol South or Union Station.

Ford's Theatre and Lincoln Museum--10th Street between E and F Streets, NW (next to Hard Rock Cafe Restaurant). Building is open every day of the year except Christmas from 9am to 5pm. Phone: (202) 426-6924. Metro Stop: Metro Center

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial--located in West Potomac Park, between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River. Visit one of the most expansive memorials in the nation. The memorial is divided into four outdoor galleries, one for each of FDR's terms in office. Waterfalls and inscribed stone walls make this an unbelievable history lesson. Park rangers are available from 8a.m. to midnight. Free admission. www.nps.gov/nacc. Phone: (202)426-6841 Metro Stop: Smithsonian

Holocaust Memorial Museum--100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W. (Old 15th St. between Maine Ave. And Independence Avenue) Open daily from 10:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. Extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays are 10 am to 8 pm from April 1st until June 12th. Closed Yom Kippur and Christmas. Free tickets are available in limited quantity on a first-come, first-serve basis for same-day passes. The box office is on the 14th Street side of the museum and opens at 10:00a.m. Advance tickets include a small service fee provided by ProTix at (800) 400-9373 or call 202.225.6216 and our tour coordinator can reserve tickets for you (free of charge). Allow at least two hours to visit the museum. Phone: (202) 488-0400. Metro Stop: Smithsonian

Jefferson Memorial-- located at the East Basin Drive, SW. At the Swan Boathouse you can rent a paddle boat to cruise the Basin. Open Daily 8 a.m. to midnight Closed: Dec. 25. Facilities include exhibits, bookstore, restrooms, and concessions. Perfect location to see the Cherry Blossoms. Phone: (202) 426-6841. Metro Stop: Smithsonian.

John F. Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts--New Hampshire Avenue at Rock Creek Parkway, N.W. Regular public tours are conducted by Friends of the Kennedy Center volunteers daily from 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. Tours leave every 20-30 minutes and last approximately 45 minutes. Visitors should go to the Tour Lounge, Parking Level A. Free hour shows every night at 6:00p.m. suitable for all ages, located on the Millennium Stage. Cafeteria and restaurant located in Center. On the web at <http://www.kennedy-center.org> Phone: (800) 444-1324. Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom/GWU Station (23rd and I). From there it is a seven minute walk via New Hampshire Ave. or use the free Kennedy Center Show Shuttle (signs are towards the left as you exit the escalator). It departs every 15 minutes from 9:45 a.m.-midnight Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-midnight Saturdays, and noon-midnight Sundays and holidays.

Korean War Memorial-- Independence Avenue and Daniel French Drive, S.W. (Located next to Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Wall) Open Daily 8 a.m. to midnight. Closed: Dec. 25. Facilities include bookstore, restrooms, and concessions. Information: 202.426.6841 Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom

Lincoln Memorial--West Potomac Park at the foot of 23rd Street, N.W. Open 24 hours daily. Bookstore is open 8:00a.m. to midnight. Facilities include exhibits, bookstore, restrooms, and concessions Phone: (202) 426-6895. Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom

Mount Vernon--Sixteen miles south of Washington, D.C., at the south end of the George Washington Parkway. Home of George Washington. Hours are: April through August from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. March, September, and October from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. November through February from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission fee: Children age 5 and under free; Children age 6 through 11- \$5.00; Adults - \$11.00; Senior Citizens- \$10.50; special prices for group tours. Phone: (703) 780-2000. visit website for driving directions or metrorail/bus information. www.mountvernon.org

National Aquarium--14th Street, between Constitution Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Tanks of fish, frogs, alligators, and sharks. Open from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. daily. Closed Christmas and Thanksgiving Day. Admission fee: children (2-10 yrs) - \$1.00; general (ages 11 and up) - \$3.50; Seniors and Military Personnel- \$3.00. Phone: (202) 482-2825. Metro Stop: Federal Triangle

National Arboretum--24th and R Streets, N.E. 444 acres of flowering trees and shrubs. Arboretum grounds are open every day of the year except December 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (202) 245-2726. Call for driving directions or metrorail/bus information.

National Archives--7th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. The Rotunda is temporarily closed for renovation on July 5, 2001 and will reopen in the Summer of 2003. The Rotunda is where the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are on display. Phone: (202) 501-5205. Metro Stop: Archives

National Gallery of Art--Constitution Ave., between 3rd and 9th St., N.W. The main building and I.M. Pei's magnificent east building house the nation's art treasures and are connected by an underground concourse. The National Gallery encompasses all aspects of the visual arts. Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. Free Admission. Metro Stop: Archives and Judiciary Square

Newseum--The Newseum, the interactive museum of news, has closed its Arlington, Va., facility while it prepares to relocate to Washington, D.C. The new Newseum, which will be located at the corner of Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., and Sixth Street, is scheduled to open in 2006. www.newseum.org Phone: (888) 639-7386

Octagon House--18th and New York Avenue, N.W. Architectural exhibits. Served as President James Madison's White House following destruction of the real White House by the British in 1814. The Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812 was signed here. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Closed Mondays. Phone: (202) 638-3221 Metro Stop: Farragut West

Pentagon--Located across 14th Street Bridge in Virginia. Closed Federal holidays and weekends. Tours of the Pentagon are available to schools, educational organizations and other select groups by reservation only. Groups interested in touring the Pentagon should contact the Pentagon. Phone: (703) 695-1776. Metro Stop: Pentagon

Smithsonian Institution Group--Free Admission. The Smithsonian museums in Washington, D.C. are open every day of the year except December 25. All museums are open from 10am-5:30pm except the Anacostia Museum which is open 10am-5pm. The Smithsonian Information

Center, located in the Castle, is open 9am-5:30pm. Phone: (202) 357-2020.

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum--2405 Martin Luther King Avenue, S.E.

Arts and Industries Museum--900 Jefferson Drive, S.W.

The Freer Gallery of Art--Jefferson Drive at 12th Street, S.W.

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden--Independence Avenue at 7th Street, S.W.

National Air and Space Building--Independence Avenue and 7th Street, S.W.

National Museum of African Art--950 Independence Avenue, S.W.

National Museum of American Art--8th and G Streets, N.W.

Museum of American History--14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Museum of Natural History--10th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.

National Portrait Gallery--8th and F Streets, N.W.

Renwick Gallery--Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street, N.W.

Sackler Gallery--1050 Independence Avenue, S.W.

Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle)--1000 Jefferson Drive, S.W.

State Department--2201 C Street, N.W. Due to the national security alert, all tours have been cancelled, and reservation requests will not be accepted until further notice. Phone: (202) 647-3241. Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom

Supreme Court--1st Street and Maryland Avenue, N.E. Tours are available Monday through Friday 9:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. when the Court is not in session. When the Court is in session tours are only given on Thursdays and Fridays. To see the Court in session, wait in two lines outside the building. The lines start forming around 8:30a.m. so get there early! No tours are given during August. Public lectures are conducted in the courtroom from 9:30a.m. to 3:00p.m. when the Court is not in session. Limited Congressional tours available. Phone: (202) 479-3000. Metro Stop: Capitol South and Union Station

Treasury Department--1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Due to recent events all tours of the main Treasury Building are suspended until further notice. Phone: (202) 622-2000. Metro Stop: Metro Center

Union Station--Massachusetts Avenue and North Capitol Street, N.E. on the Senate side of Capitol Hill. Rail Station newly refurbished in turn-of-the-century motif. Plenty of shops and restaurants, huge food court on bottom floor, movie theatre. Open Monday through Saturday, 10:00a.m. to 9:00p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 6:00p.m. Phone: (202) 371-9441. Metro Stop: Union Station

United States Capitol--Capitol Hill. Public tours of the Capitol are suspended until further notice. However, the House and Senate galleries are still open to visitors. Visit my office for passes to the House of Representatives and Senate galleries. Tours can also be led by a staff member on a

limited basis. Please call to schedule a tour. (202) 225-6216. Metro Stop: Capitol South

United States Naval Observatory--34th Street and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. As of March 19, 2003, Public Tours of the U.S. Naval Observatory have been suspended and will remain so until further notice. Phone: (202) 762-1467

Vietnam Veterans Memorial--Near the Lincoln Memorial. Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Always open. Constructed of black granite to honor all Americans who served in the Vietnam War. As a special tribute to those who did not return, the names of more than 58,000 who gave their lives or who remain missing are inscribed on the Memorial's walls in chronological order. There are National Park Service Guards who will gladly pass out paper and pencils for you to make a charcoal rub of a loved one. There are also directories to help you find the panel to search. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is opened daily from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas Day. Metro Stop: Smithsonian

Washington Monument--On the Mall at 15th Street, N.W. Open daily. April 1- Labor Day from 8a.m. to 11:45p.m. and mid-September-March 31; 9a.m. to 4:45p.m. Free tickets are distributed for that day's visit from the kiosk on the Washington Monument grounds at 15th Street and Madison Drive on a first-come first-served basis. Hours for the ticket kiosk are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, but tickets run out early. Phone: (202) 426-6839. Metro Stop: Smithsonian

The White House--Post September 11, tours of the White House were only offered to school/ youth groups and military groups. Now the White House is closed to all public tours until further notice.

Williamsburg--Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Visit the world's largest outdoor living history museum, located about 150 miles south of Washington, D.C. Participate in education and preservation programs. Museums, Folk Art Center, and plenty of fun!
www.colonialwilliamsburg.org. Phone: (757) 220-7286.

Zoological Park (National Zoo)--3000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Grounds open every day except Christmas. April 6 to October 25: grounds are open: 6:00am - 8:00pm Buildings are open: 10:00am - 6:00pm. October 26 to April 3: grounds are open: 6:00am - 6:00pm buildings are open: 10:00am - 4:30pm. Unless otherwise posted. Phone: (202) 673-4800 or 673-4717.
Metro Stop: Woodley Park

